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CORRECTION: Corrects the defendant's first name.

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USC Student Charged With Killing Professor on Campus

A University of Southern California graduate student has been charged with fatally stabbing a professor on campus last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Jonathan Brown (dob 7/11/88) was charged in case BA452257 with one count of murder as well as a special allegation that he personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman of the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

On Dec. 2, Brown is accused of stabbing to death Siaufung "Bosco" Tjan, 50, inside of the victim's office on the USC campus.

If convicted as charged, Brown faces a possible maximum sentence of 26 years to life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.